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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

MURAI et al.

Group Art Unit:

Application No.: New Application

Examiner:

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Attorney Dkt. No.: IID-0200

For: OPTICAL ELEMENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 11, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claim 11 as follows. A copy of the marked-up original claim is attached showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

11. (Amended) An optical element, characterized in that said optical element has a hard coat layer formed by a hard coat composition claimed in Claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 on an organic glass base material.